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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The State Public Charter School Authority will conduct a public meeting on January 26, 2018, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the following locations:

Nevada Legislature
401 South Carson St
Room 2135
Carson City, Nevada

and

Grant Sawyer Building
555 East Washington
Room 4412
Las Vegas, Nevada

This public meeting will be conducted in accordance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law, NRS 241.020.

Members of the public are invited to attend at either location, and for those that are unable to attend the meeting may be viewed online at <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Calendar/A/>. Participation from either location via videoconferencing is also available to members of the public.

Please note the following:

Time for public comment is provided at the beginning and at the conclusion of the meeting. Individuals wishing to provide public comment should fill out a Visitor Card, which will be numbered in order received by the Authority Assistant. Time limit: A time limit of three (3) minutes, subject to the discretion of the Authority Chair, will be imposed on public comments in order to afford all members of the public who wish to comment an opportunity to do so within the timeframe available to the Authority. Public comment cannot be restricted based on viewpoint.

The Authority reserves the right to take agenda items out of order, items may be removed or delayed from the agenda at any time, and two or more items may be combined for consideration.

Board Members and Staff of the Authority may participate via telephone conference call and/or videoconference.

The Authority is pleased to make reasonable accommodations for any member of the public who has a disability and wishes to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please notify the Authority, in writing, at 1749 North Stewart Street Suite 40, Carson City, Nevada 89706; via email at dpeltier@spsca.nv.gov; or call 775-687-9178.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Public Comment #1.
Public Comment will be taken during this agenda item regarding any item appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken on a matter discussed under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. See NRS 241.020. A time limit of three (3) minutes, subject to the discretion of the Chair, will be imposed on public comments. The Authority Chair may allow additional public comment at his discretion. Public Comment #2 will provide an opportunity for public comment on any matter not on the agenda.
3. Approval of the October 23-25, 2017 and December 8, 2017 Action Minutes. The Authority will review and possibly approve the meeting minutes from the October 23-25, 2017 and December 8, 2017 Board meetings. Jason Guinasso, Chair (***For Possible Action***).
4. Ethics Presentation. Yvonne Nevarez-Goodson, the Executive Director of the Nevada Commission on Ethics will provide the Board with an ethics presentation regarding Board Members' ethical duties and responsibilities as public officers. (***Information / Discussion***).
5. SPCSA Staff Report. Staff will provide an update regarding the following:
 - Athlos Academy of Reno (application previously approved with conditions); American Leadership Academy – Summerlin (application previously approved with conditions); New America School (application previously denied);
 - 2018 Winter Charter Application Cycle Applicant (Primavera College Preparatory Charter School – Clark County); and
 - Regulation 131-16. Recently-adopted charter school regulations related to multi-campus schools, pre-enrollment testing, the use of weighted lotteries, and other newly-adopted regulations.

Patrick Gavin, Executive Director; and Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing (***Information / Discussion***).
6. Nevada State Performance Framework (Star Ratings). Recently issued charter school ratings related to the Department of Education's statewide system of accountability, including recently issued performance notifications required by Assembly Bill No. 49, and potential future accountability actions. Patrick Gavin, Executive Director (***Information / Discussion***).
7. Litigation Update. The Authority will review and discuss Staff's reports and recommendations, and review, discuss and possibly take action, including approving or denial of Staff's recommendations regarding the following pending litigation matters:
 - Kern v. CSP-Bridger Ave., LLC, et al. (District Court Case No. A-16-736281-B – Clark County). Staff's recommendation to intervene in the pending litigation in order to address CSP-Bridger's pending motion requesting court oversight in regard to the Quest Preparatory Academy receivership.
 - Nevada Commission on Ethics v. Hansen (Nevada Supreme Court Case No. 69100). Staff's recommendation to potentially file an *amicus curie* brief with the Nevada Supreme Court in support of the Commission on Ethics.

Ryan Herrick, General Counsel (***For Possible Action***).

8. Nevada Connections Academy. Chris McBride, Principal of Nevada Connections Academy, will provide the Board with an update regarding the status of the school and progress under Nevada Connections Academy's new charter contract and implementation of the proposed cures related to the deficiencies previously identified by the Authority. (*Information / Discussion*).
9. The Honors Academy of Literature Charter Contract Renewal Request. The Authority will review and discuss Staff's report and recommendation, and review, discuss and possibly take action, including approving (or possible conditional approval) or denial of The Honors Academy of Literature's request to renew its charter contract. Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing (*For Possible Action*).
10. Pinecrest Academy of Nevada's Charter Contract Renewal Request. The Authority will review and discuss Staff's report and recommendation, and review, discuss and possibly take action, including approving (or possible conditional approval) or denial of Pinecrest Academy of Nevada's request to renew its charter contract. Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing (*For Possible Action*).
11. Pinecrest Academy of Nevada's Charter Contract Amendment Request (Expansion / New Campus). The Authority will review and discuss Staff's report and recommendation, and review, discuss and possibly take action, including approving (or possible conditional approval) or denial of Pinecrest Academy of Nevada's request to amend its charter contract to allow for an additional campus (2019-2020 school year). Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing (*For Possible Action*).
12. Learning Bridge Charter School's Charter Contract Amendment Request (Relocation). The Authority will review and discuss Staff's report and recommendation, and review, discuss and possibly take action, including approving (or possible conditional approval) or denial of Learning Bridge Charter School's request to amend its charter contract to allow relocation of its campus without increasing enrolment or grade levels (2018-19 school year). Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing (*For Possible Action*).
13. Legacy Traditional School Charter Contract Amendment Request – Southwest and Cadence Campuses (Expansion / New Campus). The Authority will review and discuss Staff's report and recommendation, and review, discuss and possibly take action, including approving (or possible conditional approval) or denial of Legacy Traditional School's request to amend its charter contract to allow expansion and an additional campus (2019-2020 school year). Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing (*For Possible Action*).
14. Quest Preparatory Academy Receiver Update and Staff Recommendation. In addition to receiving a report from Joshua Kern, Receiver over Quest Preparatory Academy, the Authority will review and discuss Staff's report and recommendation, and review, discuss and possibly take action, including approving (or possible conditional approval) or denial of the Receiver's request to amend its charter contract allowing Mr. Kern to implement a new, structured school turn-around plan. Joshua Kern, Receiver; and Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing (*For Possible Action*).
15. Argent Preparatory Academy Receiver Update. Joshua Kern, Receiver (*Information / Discussion*).
16. Discovery Charter School Receiver Update. John Haynal, Receiver, or designee (*Information / Discussion*).

17. Long-Range Board Calendar. The Board will review and discuss its Long-Range Calendar. Jason Guinasso, Chair. (*Information / Discussion*).

18. Public Comment #2.

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19. Adjournment.

Supporting materials for items listed on the above-referenced agenda are available, at no charge, at the meeting locations, or by contacting Danny Peltier, Board Secretary, 1749 North Stewart Street, Suite 40, Carson City, Nevada 89706; or by phone at (775) 687-9178.

In accordance with NRS 241.020, this public notice and agenda has been posted at the following locations, on or before January 19, 2018, and is also available at the State Public Charter School Authority's website at <http://charterschools.nv.gov/> and the State of Nevada's official website, <https://notice.nv.gov/>:

The principal office of the State Public Charter School Authority, located at 1749 North Stewart Street, Suite 40, Carson City, Nevada 89706;

The State Public Charter School Authority, 9890 South Maryland Parkway, Suite 200B, Las Vegas, Nevada 89183;

The Grant Sawyer Building, located at 2501 Washington Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101;

State of Nevada, Department of Education, 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701;

State of Nevada, Department of Education, 9890 South Maryland Parkway, Second Floor, Las Vegas, Nevada 89183;

The Nevada Legislature, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701;

Nevada State Library and Archives, 100 N Stewart St, Carson City, NV 89701.

DECLARATION OF POSTING

Pursuant to NRS 53.045, I declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct:

That on or before January 19, 2018, this Public Notice and Agenda was posted at the above-referenced locations, and websites.

Danny Peltier
State Public Charter School Authority